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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No. 9157B  
First Inventor or Application Identifier Kenneth L. Byard  
Title Hammer-Operated Stapling Apparatus  
Express Mail Label No. EV 280704409 US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Specification [Total Pages 20]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]

4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 5]  
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b.  Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)  
[Note Box 5 below]  
i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5.  Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)  
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6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a.  Computer Readable Copy  
b.  Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
c.  Statement verifying identity of above copies

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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))  
9.  37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
10.  English Translation Document (if applicable)  
11.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS  
Citations  
12.  Preliminary Amendment  
13.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)  
\* Small Entity  Statement filed in prior application,  
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16.  Other: .....

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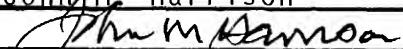
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## Large Entity Small Entity

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101 790	201 395	Utility filing fee	\$ 375.00
108 330	208 185	Design filing fee	
107 540	207 270	Plant filing fee	
108 790	208 395	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 375.00)	

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
34	-20** = 14	9.00	\$ 126.00
Independent Claims	- 3** =		
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 22	203 11	Claims in excess of 20
102 82	202 41	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 82	209 41	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 22	210 11	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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105	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	Extension for reply within second month	
117	950	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,510	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	2,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,320	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,320	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	450	Design issue fee	
144	870	Plant issue fee	
122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
148	790	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(e))	
149	790	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(d))	

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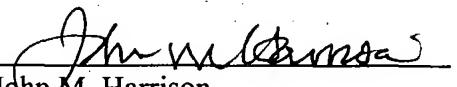
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